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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am penning this letter to express my support for the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I have followed this story in the New York Times and feel that after three long years of court battles, it is time to stop legal action against the company. I think that the settlement is fair and should be finalized as soon as possible.

I am concerned about the economic recession we are experiencing as a nation. The IT industry has been one of the sectors of the economy that has been the hardest hit in the past several months. It is important that we allow Microsoft to get back to business and lead the IT industry once again. The terms of the settlement are fair and just and seem to offer competitors the ability to promote their own products and services within Windows' operating systems.

I was ecstatic to see that a settlement has been reached, and I hope it is approved as soon as possible because I emphatically believe that it is in the best interest of the American public.

Sincerely,

Ching Hsieh